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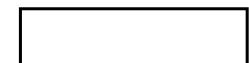
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1. In all Bulgarian towns of any importance, all housing is now strictly controlled by the Communist Party. Each municipal council has a special commission, known as the "Gilfond". All available lodging is registered in its books. Any one looking for a place to live has to go to this commission.
2. The sum of two leva is charged for each request and the paper also carries a four leva stamp. Requests are presented in triplicate and must describe the family situation of the individual making application.
3. The commission studies these requests primarily on a Party basis, rather than on a basis of necessity. The requests are eventually brought before a special housing tribunal, which makes the final decision. The tribunal is, however, directly under the influence of the Communist Party.

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